

## LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY FOR:

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## LAST WEEK

**SENATE AND HOUSE PASSES CONTINUING RESOLUTION** – Both House and Senate passed H.J. RES. 1, legislation that provide for continuing FY 2003 appropriations until January 31.

**GLOBAL WARMING FULL COMMITTEE HEARING** – On January 8 the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee (Chairman McCain, AZ) held a hearing on a proposal to create a mandatory greenhouse gas emission reduction target for all major sectors of the U. S. Economy. Dr. James Mahoney, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, and Director, U.S. Climate Change Science Program testified regarding the use of voluntary measures to control emissions. Members asked many questions stressing the value of effective measures including soil conservation practices and other land management measures.

**HOUSE AGRICUTURE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN NAMED**- Rep. Robert Goodlatte (VA) was named as the new Chairman of the House Agriculture Committee replacing Rep. Larry Combest (TX), whom is retiring May 31. Rep. Goodlatte stated his first priority will be guiding the 2002 Farm Bill through the appropriations process. He stated “a lot of farmers have been hit hard...but in these budgetary times you have to find the means to pay for it”.

**HOUSE RESOURCES COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN NAMED** – Rep. Richard Pombo (CA) was named as Chairman for the House Resources Committee. Rep. Pombo stated his priority to move legislation for the Endangered Species Act reauthorization.

**SENATE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE CHANGES** – Sen. Thad Cochran (MS) was named as Chairman of the Senate Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee, replacing Sen. Richard Lugar (IN) whom has become the Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Sen. Allard (CO) and Sen. Thomas (WY) have left the committee. New members named were;

Grassley (IA)  
Chambliss (GA)  
Talent (MO)  
Coleman (MN)  
Dole (NC)

**HOUSE COMMITTEES NAMED** – The Republicans have completed House Committee assignments. The House Agriculture Committee has several new members. New members are italicized.

**AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE**

**APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE (New Members only)**

Goodlatte (VA)  
Combest (TX)  
Boehner (OH)  
Pombo (CA)  
Smith (MI)  
Everett (AL)  
Lucas (OK)  
Moran (KS)  
Jenkins (TN)  
Gutknecht (MN)  
Ose (CA)  
Hayes (NC)  
Pickering (MS)  
Johnson (IL)  
Osborne (NE)  
Pence (IN)  
Rehberg (MT)  
Graves (MO)  
Putnam (FL)  
*Janklow (SD)*  
*Burns (GA)*  
*Bonner (AL)*  
*Rodgers (AL)*  
*King (IA)*  
*Chocola (IN)*  
*Musgrave (CO)*  
*Nunes (CA)*

*Weldon (FL)*  
*Simpson (WY)*  
*Culberson (TX)*  
*Kirk (IL)*  
*Crenshaw (FL)*

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**THIS WEEK**

**OMNIBUS FISCAL 2003 APPROPRIATIONS** – The Senate Appropriations Committee (Chairman Stevens, AK) will mark up legislation that would complete the FY 2003 appropriations process. The committee will likely consider an omnibus that would assemble the remaining 11 appropriations bill into a single measure.

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## LOOKING AHEAD

### 108<sup>th</sup> Congress Schedule for 2003

#### Senate

January 7	Senate reconvenes
January 20 -24	Senate not in session
January 20	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
January 28	State of the Union Address
February 17- 21	President's Day Recess
April 14- 25	Spring Recess
May 26 -30	Memorial Day Recess
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